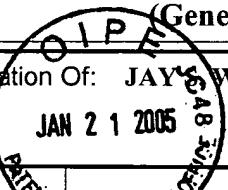


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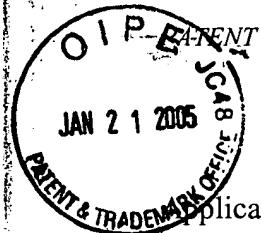
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2005, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks in the above-identified application.

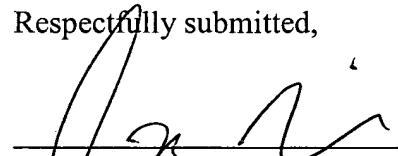
Reply to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2004 had been timely filed with the USPTO on October 4, 2004. Unfortunately, as noted by Examiner, due to an unintentional error Applicants neglected to sign the Amendment & Response, although the Transmittal Letter which was filed along with the Amendment was signed by the responsible attorney for Applicants as well as the paralegal certifying the mailing of the documents. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request review and acceptance of the enclosed executed aforementioned Amendment.

## CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn upon reconsideration. It is submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early re-examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this response or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Jason Skinder at telephone number 203-461-7017 or via electronic mail at [jskinder@walkerdigital.com](mailto:jskinder@walkerdigital.com).

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